(x) Constant monitoring of the security situation.

Naxalite Activities in Orissa

3427. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the losses sustained by the State of Orissa due to naxalite activities during the last three years;

(b) the number of people killed and injured in these years;

(c) whether the Peoples War Group has set up training camp in Malkangiri district and extended naxal activities to Gajapathi district of Orissa;

(d) if so, the steps taken to curb such violence activities in Orissa;

(e) whether the matter was discussed in the Chief Ministers conference held in April at New Delhi; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) As per available information, the losses sustained by the State of Orissa due to naxalite activities during the last three years are to the tune of Rs. 26 lakhs approximately.

(b) As per available reports, five persons were killed during the last three years.

(c) The activities of the People's War Group have come to notice in Malkangiri and Gajapathi districts, however, there are no confirmed reports to indicate that the outfit has set up training camp in Malkangiri district.

(d) The Central Government has set up a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the States seriously affected by left wing extremism, as its members to review and coordinate the steps taken by these States to check extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and to make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problems.

The Coordination Centre has been meeting periodically. Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/improvement of identified critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas

to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis etc. have also been taken and effectively followed-up.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. It was decided that while the Centre would continue to extend all possible assistance to the States in intelligence sharing, Security Related Expenditure, training needs of police personnel etc. the States concerned must continue with their efforts towards focussed inter-State co-ordination, ground level intelligence gathering in depth analysis of problem areas and anticipation of events, considerable thrust on all areas of responsive administration including placement of very dedicated and sincere administrative hands in trouble prone ares, socio-economic measures to cater to the needs of the poor segments, acceleration of land reforms initiatives, redressal of people's grievances including expeditious disposal of cases in courts of law etc.

Complaints against Officers of Administrative Division

3428. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints against officers working in the administration division of Ministry during the last three years;

(b) the details of such officers including their names/designation; and

(c) the action taken by the Ministry in those cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI): (a) to (c) According to available information, besides some anonymous/pseudonymous complaints, five complaints from identifiable persons/sources containing specific allegations against officers working in the Administration Division have been received since April, 1997. In accordance with the instructions of the Central Vigilance Commission, no action is required to be taken on anonymous/pseudonymous complaints. Three complaints were examined at length and were found to be without any substance. The remaining two complaints are being looked into.

Financial Assistance for Modernisation of Police Force

3429. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased financial assistance to State for modernisation of police forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the assistance provided to each State during the last five years?